

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A method of facilitating operations of a plurality of Independent Retailers ("IR's"), said method comprising: communicating over a network from a service bureau or a plurality of headquarters of a chain of retail stores to their  
5 respective IR's; displaying to said IR's a plurality of services for said IR's, for said IR's to select at least one service, wherein said services comprise procurement; receiving over said network a message from at least one of said IR's to its respective headquarters or a service bureau showing said at least one selected service from said at least one store; and serving up to said IR's  
10 said at least one selected service.

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